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Reissue Application of:

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RETRACTABLE SENSOR FOR AN ALARM SYSTEM

Art Unit: 2617

Examiner: A. Wong

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action February 1, 1999.

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In that Action, the Examiner referred to a telephone conference between the Examiner and the undersigned on January 29, 1999. During that conversation, the submission of a Declaration was discussed. As noted in the Action, "The Examiner agreed that such a submission would be considered and may be the basis for a reason for allowance if the presentation is persuasive".

Applicant is submitting herewith the Declaration of Steven M. Kuhn. Mr. Kuhn has had extensive experience in the security field, including working with systems of the type

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in the present application. Mr. Kuhn's statements support the applicant's position that the claimed invention is not obvious from the prior art cited by the Examiner.

Consideration of the amendment, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-14, and allowance of the case are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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